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| TOPIC Railroad Bridge over the Elbe River in Meissen |                            |                             |
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The bridge, 200 meters upstream from the Meissen highway bridge is on the Dresden (K 52/F 29) - Coswig (N 52/F 27) - Meissen - Doabeln (N 52/K 79) - Grossbothen (N 52/K 59) - Leipzig (N 52/E 21) trunk line, which is now single-track. See Annex 2 for photograph of the bridge. The bridge is of considerable importance for rail operation in the Saxon industrial area although there are re-routing facilities via Riesa (N 52/E 81) and Freiberg (N 51/K 97). In late April 1945 the bridge was blasted and superstructures 3a, b, c, and 4a, b, c were heavily damaged. For diagram of bridge, see Annex 1. The damaged superstructures were raised and reassembled, an operation requiring relatively little new material. Rail operations on one track were resumed on 24 November 1945. The repair of the superstructures for the second track was completed in October 1946. However, superstructures 3b and 4b cannot yet be used because they are still only partially secured. In the event that the railroad line crossing the bridge is to be operated again as a double-track line, the remaining work can be performed very quickly. The sidewalk of the bridge, 3 meters wide, is usable. The water depth at the bridge is 1 1/2 meters at mean water, 10 meters at high water. The river is normally 110 meters wide under bridge and the river bottom and banks are rocky. No data are available on demolition holes in piers or abutments. AA emplacements or

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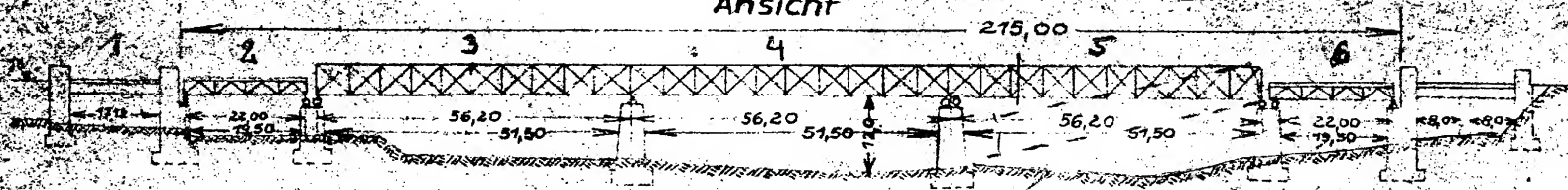
other field fortifications do not exist at or near the bridge. The bridge can carry M type freight trains which have an axle pressure of 25 tons.

- 2 Annexes :
1. 1 photograph of bridge
  2. 1 photostated diagram of bridge

Annex

Ansicht

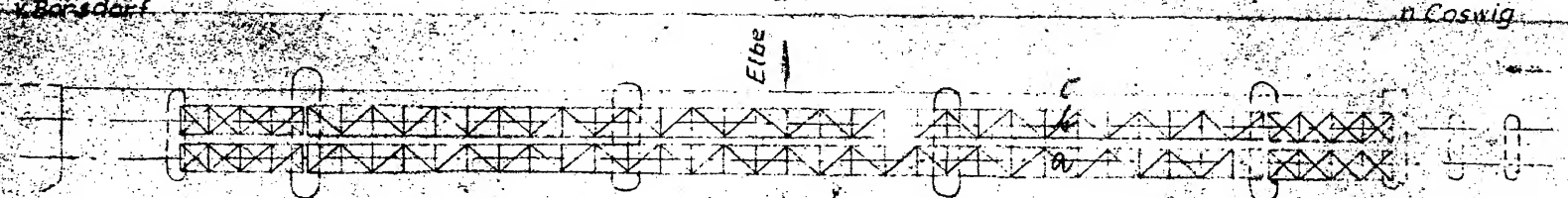
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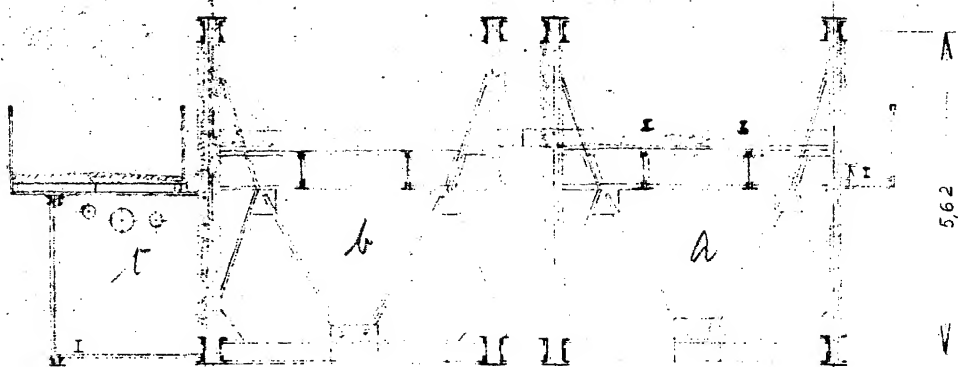
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